Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes; April 24th, 2019

Meeting called to order 11:00am by Brennan Beck, 21 in attendance

Commission Introductions

Full time staff member to support all 6 commissions and Council of D& I

Communication
  Events
  Conference contacts, planning

Advisory Committee updates-

  Outstanding student veteran award
    Jason Cronin Spring 2019 recipient
  Hail and Farewell Dinner May 8th, 18 vets signed up, Chief Mullen – key note speaker

Walk for Veterans
  April 6th
  350+ Walkers
  100 more in attendance than last year
  Walkers received US Flags and yellow ribbons with names of those from the Scroll of Honor
  Clemson Corps, support and approval
  Next year goal – 493, one for each vet named at the Scroll of Honor

Ice Cream Social
  Thank you and praise

Green Zone Training

  Updating this summer to match Veteran needs
  GI bill updates
  New logo and sticker
  Begin new trainings this Fall

McKenzie McNamara – Needs Assessment Results
  For PowerPoint detailing results, contact McKenzie
  Incentives helped greatly with responses
  Less than 10% in every category were unaware of various campus resources
  More students are unaware of Military specific resources
    Include First Generation students in next survey?
    Why the low CAPS usage?
Transitioning into Civilian Life focus groups? Why is this the lowest percentage of transitioning support?  
2015- 30-35% thought veteran friendly campus, now its 70%

Committee Reports

Budgetary – Alisha Johnson

Working on spending the $19,000  
Graduation Cords  
Lockers  
Supply Closet Items - $500  
$10,700 left in “other”  
Buying Vet Center or M&VE swag  
Available for anything  
Hail and Farewell Dinner food request  
Brennan will submit official request  
Commission co-sponsor Hail and Farewell

Brennan- This year is the last year we can do department specific branding. Surplus of Veterans Swag

Dave Sargent - Commission is not under student affairs so we can purchase and place M&VE Logo on it and bypass student affairs branding

T-shirt possibility through Brent Hawkins

Alisha – look into options for swag

Policy – Holly Williams

Military Transfer Credits  
Faculty Senate Resolution with Dean backing, all deans have agreed  
Undergraduate Curriculum committee  
Task Force to remove that “Military Credits won’t be reviewed”  
Presenting to Faculty committee  
Tuition discount for Active Duty  
Collab with USC to see how they did it

Social Media – Rachel Walker

Website is live
Facebook page is next goal, University is adding requirements for social media pages and we are holding off on this until we know more.

Admissions- High freshman class, may effect veterans as it limits the available space for transfers. Not currently accepting anyone with less than a 3.0. There are 2 veterans waiting for decisions that we know of.

If a veteran applicant has 18 strong, transferable credit hours and a 3.0 they will be accepted, less than a 3.0 is on hold. Students currently waiting for decisions should know by the end of May.

Nominating – Ashley Crisp

3-year term limit, 3 options for those in their 3rd year
   Re-nomination, stepping down, or ad hoc helping in their area
Looking for ideas, advisory committees will be this summer to discuss this.

Alisha- Should we create a commission specific email address?
Brennan- we will consider that or a list serve

Events – Dr. Lynne Cory
Motorcycle benefit ride, Commission hopes to support us in this
John Wilde – Fall Fundraiser, Sept 28th (away game at UNC)
   Start at the Scroll of Honor and Memorial Stadium and Finish in Greenville at Harley Davidson, 5 stops
   Joe’s Pizza, Academy Sports in Easley (22 miles from starting point, 22 pushup challenge), Greenville City Vietnam Veterans Memorial (need permission still), Greenville Harley Davidson (we have the stage, both parking lots reserved already)

   Athletic Department on board, Need University Approval still, Clemson Corps willing to be at the Scroll of Honor.

Man-power – 5 at front end, 5 at final stop, 2-3 at every stop. Strong SVA interest.
Funds- $150 for Harley, we get 100 back if we clean up
   2-3 Raffle prizes
Donations – Academy, Council, M&VE

Alumni Veterans

VSOs tabling at Greenville Harley to raise awareness for Alumni Veterans

Possibly food, more raffle prizes. Show the game at Greenville Harley

Budget Committee – Marketing Materials?

Alisha Johnson for John please present a budget with everything that we want for the Ride
May 7th committee meeting for Bike Ride

Sept. is Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month, include that in the ride

Ad Hoc – Conference Dr. Lynn Corey
Looking for members
Hook idea for theme
Google Doc for ideas

Other business

2019-2020 meeting update

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting called to close at 12:03 by Brennan Beck